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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY
PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER KIRK
AT CONCLUSION OF KIRK'S FIVE-DAY VISIT TO INDONESIA
DECEMBER 17:

2. AT THE INVITATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT SUHARTO

THE PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, THE RT HON NORMAN
KIRK, VISITED INDONESIA FROM 13 TO 18 DECEMBER 1973. IN
ADDITION TO HIS TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT, MR KIRK PAID
AN OFFICIAL CALL ON THE VICE PRESIDENT AND HAD
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DISCUSSIONS WITH SEVERAL INDONESIAN MINISTERS. THIS

WAS THE FIRST STATE VISIT BY A NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER TO INDONESIA.

3. MR KIRK EXPRESSED NEW ZEALAND'S WISH TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH INDONESIA. THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER RECOGNIZED THE VALUE OF FORGING A DEEPER FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHARE MANY INTERESTS AND HAVE ADOPTED COMMON ATTITUDES AND SIMILAR POLICIES IN REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND MR KIRK HOPE THE CLOSE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONTACTS THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT UP WILL BE FURTHER ENRICHED THROUGH MORE FREQUENT VISITS BY PARLIMENTARY DELEGATIONS, BUSINESSMEN AND CULTURAL GROUPS, THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM AND BY OTHER EXCHANGES. THEY SEEK TO BUILD A BROAD AND ENDURING FOUNDATION OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE TWO COUNTIRES.

4. WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS. THE PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED THE CHANGES THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN NEW ZEALAND'S FOREIGN POLICIES. THESE WERE PERMANENT CHANGES BASED ON AN ACCEPTANCE OF THE FULL IMPLICATIONS OF NEW ZEALAND'S GOEGRAPHICAL SITUATION AND THE NATURAL PATTERN OF RELATIONS WITH ITS ASIAN AND PACIFIC NEIGHBORS. THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED THAT IN THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE THE COUNTRIES OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION WERE LESS SUBJECT THAN IN THE PAST TO EXTERNAL PRESSURES. THEY HAD NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SHAPE THEIR RELATIONSHIPS IN A SPIRIT OF PEACEFUL COOPERATION TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLES IN THE REGION.

- THE PRIME MINISTER DESCRIBED AIQAN AS A GROUPING OF KEY IMPORTANCE. IT HAD THE CAPACITY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OF THE AREA BY DRAWING ON THE GROWING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL RESILIENGE OF ITS MEMBERS. HE PLEDGED NEW ZEALAND'S WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH IT.

- THE PRESIDENT WELCOMED MR KIRK'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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EFFORTS OF ASEAN COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH A ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY. PRESIDENT SUHARTO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM.

- THE TWO LEADERS CONSIDERED THAT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN SUB-REGIONAL GROUPINGS SHOULD BE EXTENDED. THEY AGREED IN PATRICULAR TO EXPLORE WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND AUSTRALIA THE POSSIBILITY OF

ESTABLISHING REGULAR CONSULTATIONS OF THIS SORT.

- IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE LAW OF THE SEA THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE FOR INDONESIA AND ISLAND COUNTRIES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC WAS RECOGNIZED. PRESIDENT SUHARTO WELCOMED MR KIRK'S FIRM ASSURANCE THAT THE ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE IS ENDORSED BY NEW ZEALAND.

- PRESIDENT SUHARTO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR NEW ZEALAND'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR INDONESIA'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. HE WELCOMED ESPECIALLY THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFER TO WORK WITH INDONESIA IN GEOTHERMAL POWER DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING A DECISION TO DRILL EXPLORATORY BORES NEAR BANDUNG.

- MR KIRK UNDERTOOK TO CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING COOPERATION BETWEEN INDONESIA AND NEW ZEALAND IN FIELDS SUCH AS VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR INDONESIAN MILITARY AS WELL AS CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PREFABRICATED HOUSING, PERHAPS ON A JOINT VENTURE BASIS. OTHER POSSIBILITIES: INCLUDING JOINT PROJECTS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES, WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

- IT WAS AGREED THAT INDONESIA AND NEW ZEALAND SHOULD CONSULT MORE CLOSELY ON THE NEED TO PROMOTE A BETTER BALANCED TWO-WAY TRADE. THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT AN INDONESIAN TRADE MISSION WOULD VISIT NEWZEALAND IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

- THE POSSIBILITY WAS DISCUSSED OF NEW ZEALAND'S DRAWING PROGRESSIVELY MORE OF ITS OIL REQUIREMENTS FROM INDONESIA. IT WAS AGREED THAT ACTIVE CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THIS END AND THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF UNDERTAKING A JOINT VENTURE IN ASPECTS IN OIL

EXPLORATION OR DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE FURTHER EXAMINED.

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- THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED TO PRESIDENT AND MADAME SUHARTO HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE FRIENDSHIP AND GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO HIM AND TO THE MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY.

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